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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY
APRIL 25 IN NAME OF FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT: WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A RATIONAL MEASURE THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS APRIL 21 SPECIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING
THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA, EMPHASIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA,
AND MADE A PARTIAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE INITIAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL.
OUR GOVERNMENT HAS HITHERTO CONTENTED THAT, IN DEEP CON-
SIDERATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S.
FORCES IN KOREA HAS AS A WAR DETERRENCE, THE REDUCTION OF
FORCES MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITH PRUDENCE AND BE PRECEDED BY
COMPENSATORY MEASURES. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THE FLEXIBLE
AND REALISTIC STEP TAKEN BY PRESIDENT CARTER AT THIS TIME
IS IN LINE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED
AFTER THE KOREA-U.S. SECURITY CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE LAST
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YEAR, AND WE BELIEVE THAT COMPENSATORY MEASURES FOR THE
TROOP WITHDRAWAL MUST BE GUARANTEED WITHOUT FAIL.
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